

Curriculum Verification for Private Secondary Schools

New Policy

Effective immediately, private secondary schools no longer need to provide the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) with curriculums to verify that distance-based classroom driver education, such as Internet classes, meet the requirements specified in the *California Vehicle Code* (CVC) §12814.6.

Private Secondary School Procedures

The following procedures apply to private secondary schools that offer a distance-based learning (non-classroom) driver education course. To receive Driver Education Completion Certificates and other related supplies follow the chart:

<i>Step</i>	<i>Action</i>
1	<p>For each school year, complete the Authorization/Requisition for Driver Instruction Forms, DL 396 (REV. 10/2006). See the attached sample form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the box before the statement that “This is a private secondary school that teaches NON-CLASSROOM driver instruction...”• Check one of the two subsequent boxes, indicating that the school either uses the DMV driver education curriculum or an equivalent curriculum.• Have the principal, vice principal, owner, president, or director sign the form.
2	<p>If using equivalent curriculum, for each school year, complete the Private Secondary Non-Classroom Driver Education Curriculum Certification, DL 396B (NEW 10/2006). See the attached sample form.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check the boxes to certify all required curriculum topics are educationally equivalent to the DMV curriculum.• Have the principal, vice principal, owner, president, or director sign the form.
3	<p>After the initial authorization for the school year, schools may order additional driver education supplies by completing a Driver Education Supply Request, DL 396A (Rev. 10/2006). (Prior to October 2006, the request for additional driver education supplies was on the back of the DL 396.)</p>

NOTE: An instructor, secretary, or representative **is not** an authorized signatory for the DL 396, the DL 396A, or the DL 396B.

Background

Education Code §51220.6 requires private secondary schools to use the DMV curriculum or the educational equivalent to the DMV curriculum for their distance-based driver education courses, such as Internet classes. A review of *Education Code* §51220.6 determined that compliance could be met with the completion of the DL 396 and DL 396B.

The DL 396A replaced the information previously listed on the back of the DL 396. The DL 396A simplifies ordering additional driver education supplies after the initial annual authorization.

Reference

CVC §§12814.6

Education Code §51220.6

Distribution

This memo is available online at www.dmv.ca.gov/pubs/olin/olin.htm and was distributed in January 2007 to private secondary schools.

Contact

For further clarification of this memo, call the Traffic Violator School (TVS) Unit at (916) 229-3127.

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Attachments